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1. ANCHOVY SEASON OFFICIALLY BEGAN MARCH 10 WITH 450 BOATS REPORTEDLY FISHING ALONG ENTIRE COAST. MINISTRY FISHERIES PERMITTING FISHING MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BUT HAS NOT YET ORDERED LIMITS ON NUMBER OF BOATS USED. WOULD THUS EXPECT TOTAL OF ABOUT 600-650 BOATS AVAILABLE PESCA PERU TO BE FISHING BY FRIDAY OR EARLY NEXT WEEK. ABOUT 150-200 BOATS REPORTEDLY WITHDRAWN FROM FLEET IN LAST YEAR.

2. REPORTS OF POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANT NINO DENIED BY MINISTRY FISHERIES AND SEA INSTITUTE SILENT ON MATTER. WATER TEMPERATURES REPORTEDLY STILL LOW ALTHOUGH ABNORMAL RAINS IN SIERRA AND PIURA AREA MAY INDICATE CHANGE. RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS FISHERIES MINISTRY ANTICIPATING 1975 ANCHOVY CATCH AT FROM SAME LEVEL AS LAST YEAR TO AROUND FIVE MILLION TONS IS SOMEWHAT LESS OPTIMISTIC THAN EARLIER. MANY STILL BELIEVE 6 MILLION CATCH ATTAINABLE.

3. EPCHAP TRADE MISSION TRAVELING UNTIL LAST WEEK MARCH APPARENTLY SEEKING SALES AGREEMENTS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

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THEY CONCERNED WITH LOW PRICE OF MEAL. SALE OF ABOUT

80,000 M.T. TO EAST GERMANY LATE FEBRUARY REPORTED C&F \$220/MT
JANUARY 1 AT 218,500 MT PLUS 940 MT WHALE MEAL. CURRENT
STOCKS PROBABLY 220-230 THOUSAND.
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